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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Retail and food service demand was in a full range with best movement for fast food promotions and into catering businesses. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to fairly good. Wings were tight and moving well, and the remaining items were well balanced to tight and confidently held. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 69.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 71.50 cents last year on December 7, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	151.00
BREASTS - B/S	122.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.50
LEG QUARTERS	30.50
WINGS	96.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to instances moderate, best for features. Food service was seasonally fair to moderate, best for fast food and catering services. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to readily available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to active. Availability of all items was no more than adequate to tight and frequently held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderately good. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items, thighs, thigh meat and wings were well cleared. Other items were no better than adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was generally steady, although the undertone was unsettled. Offers were light to heavy for a non-responsive trade interest. Retail and food service demand continued in a full range; mostly moderate into retail centers and moderate to good into food services of catering and fast food. Floor stocks were in balance to ample; weights desirable for the most part, but trending heavy. Parts trade continued very good on wings, moderate to at time fairly good on boneless/skinless breast and tenderloins with dark boneless meat clearing well and bone-in dark meat call was light to moderate. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on boneless dark meat, and steady to firm on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand fairly good. Floor stocks adequate.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 2, 2006. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 2, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 2, 2006 were 8.27 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 11/25/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	210,762	214,156	-02
CHICKS PLACED	168,294	171,991	-02

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-Jan-07 is estimated at 152.0 million head. This compares to 146.6 million head the previous week and to 160.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.39 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DECEMBER 06, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	613	109.00-175.00	-	115.32	BREAST - B/S	587	105.00-182.00	-	116.92
TENDERLOINS	158	96.00-167.00	97-101	100.29	TENDERLOINS	231	95.00-177.00	98-102	101.10
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	114	65.00-77.00	-	67.11
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	188	33.00-48.00	-	34.38	LEGS	188	32.00-48.00	33-34	34.81
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	603	21.00-29.00	23-24	23.83	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	22.00-29.00	23-24	23.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	879	22.00-33.00	26	26.35	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	818	23.00-33.00	26	26.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	86.00-97.00	88-91	90.27	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	84.00-93.00	86-89	87.42
WINGS (CUT)	280	105.00-110.00	106-108	107.55	WINGS (CUT)	275	105.00-111.00	107-110	107.60
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR —					F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		
40.00-45.00		41.92			39.00-44.50		40.65		
							40.74		

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was moderate to fairly good for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items, tenders, thigh meat and most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared and held with confidence. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was firm for breast items, wings, thighs and thigh meat. The balance of items were steady to fully steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

DECEMBER 05, 2006				DECEMBER 06, 2006			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	102.81	832,840	BREAST - B/S	120	109.82	668,803
TENDERLOINS	95-100	96.74	356,810	TENDERLOINS	100	95.89	96,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	69.78	125,680	BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	73.78	46,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.63	72,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	64	67.33	77,400
LEGS	42-43	40.92	150,200	LEGS	42-43	40.18	166,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.83	385,640	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.17	220,240
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	32.92	134,190	DRUMSTICKS	26-27	37.12	74,780
THIGHS	29-30	36.74	75,040	THIGHS	30-31	38.09	61,160
B/S THIGHS	90-91	80.39	134,590	B/S THIGHS	91-92	90.70	44,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92	92.92	252,520	WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92	95.74	181,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.28	22,000	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.13	33,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.20	10,600	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.70	9,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	68.67	21,280	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	65.57	26,640

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)									SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY		
	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	AVG WTS	DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)				
	12/06	12/05	12/04	12/01	12/04	12/01	11/29	11/27	FRESH FRYERS		91-100
Alabama	3,908	4,000	3,943	4,330	5.62	5.56	3,808	5.55	ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-108
Arkansas	5,295	5,274	5,162	4,369	5.33	5.21	5,104	5.47	HENS UNDER 5#		-
Delmarva	2,298	2,258	2,301	2,559	5.84	5.77	2,292	6.05	HENS OVER 5#		65-74
KY-LA-TN	2,371	2,410	2,335	2,311	5.20	5.05	2,336	5.28	DUCKS		-
Mississippi	2,876	2,932	2,975	3,342	5.78	6.01	2,866	5.96	RABBITS-WHOLE		-
N Carolina	2,672	2,730	2,655	2,679	6.99	6.73	2,632	6.98	RABBITS-CUT UP		-
Texas	2,513	2,502	2,551	2,518	5.38	5.28	2,637	5.41	<u>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</u>		
Total	21,933	22,106	21,922	21,749	5.69	5.64	21,675	5.77	<u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>		
Mon-Wed	66,340 (A)				65,133 (A)				FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
										DRY PACK	110-114
									ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
										DRY PACK	111-118
									HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
										DRY PACK	100-107
									DUCKS		190-195

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-DEC-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/09/06 (1)	12/02/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	163,726 (2)	168,798
Light hens	1,224	882
Heavy hens	1,516	1,530
Total	166,466	171,210

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Dec-06 is 156.6 million head compared to 163.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.1 million head or 7.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 16-Dec-06 the estimated available is 156.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 12/04/06	38,029	64,407
AM 11/01/06	85,621	63,338
CHG	-47,592	1,069
PCT CHG	-56	2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/04/06	11/27/06	12/05/05	12/04/06	11/27/06	12/05/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	1,555	1,191	2,195	8,909	9,468	4,755
LOS ANGELES	224	246	65	2,387	2,812	2,788

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2006

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69-80

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 12/05/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	1.60	.90	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.70	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	5.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	6.00	7.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.50	1.33	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	4.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	7.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	105						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending December 1, 2006

	Whole	Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings Gizzards Hens
RAYON				
Low	67.00	153.01	82.71	20.68 8.27 80.64
High	71.13	165.42	99.25	28.95 12.41 80.64
Mostly	69.06	161.28	95.12	24.81 12.41 80.64
SAN JUAN				
Low	66.17	153.01	86.85	20.68 8.27 79.40
High	71.96	161.28	95.12	24.81 12.41 79.40
Mostly	68.24	153.01	90.98	24.81 8.27 79.40
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	66.17	148.88	86.85	20.68 12.41 78.57
High	71.54	161.28	103.39	24.81 16.54 78.57
Mostly	69.48	157.15	99.25	24.81 12.41 78.57
BECERRA				
Low	68.24	157.15	86.85	20.68 8.27 82.71
High	72.37	161.28	103.39	28.95 12.41 82.71
Mostly	71.54	161.28	99.25	24.81 12.41 82.71

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderately good and was sufficient in keeping seller offerings well balanced to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings were generally noted as adequate to barely adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

57-74
(A)
(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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